



Water Wheel Fire & Medical District

Fire Board Regular Meeting

April 22, 2026

Station 71 – 10603 N Houston Mesa Rd – Payson – Training Room

~Minutes~

1. Call To Order

Pursuant to notice, a regular meeting of the Water Wheel Fire & Medical District (WWFMD) was called to order by Member Janel Croy at 5:02- PM on **April 22, 2026** at the Water Wheel Fire & Medical District Station 71, 10603 N Houston Mesa Rd, Payson, Arizona. Admin/Firefighter Crystal Cameron recorded the minutes. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

A. Roll Call

Board Present: Chairman Steve Stevens (Late), Member Mark Essary, Member Cynthia (Janel) Croy, Member Frank Church

Absent Board: Clerk Geoffrey Caldwell

Staff Present: Fire Chief C. Lecher, Captain T. Hamilton, FF C. Cameron

Public Present: Mark Lynch

Zoom: Andrew Farrar, Terry Araman

B. Salute To The Flag Of The United States

Pledge of Allegiance, Led by All in Attendance

2. Workshop

A. 2027 Fiscal Year Budget Overview

- i.** Revenue – Total Increase of \$22,847
 - 1.** Tax Revenue \$681,078 – 5.00% AV Growth
 - a.** Increase of \$32,406
 - b.** FDAT \$52,059 which is an increase of \$941
 - 2.** Non-Levy Revenues
 - a.** Service fees remained the same at \$24,965
 - b.** Wildland remained the same at \$100,000
 - c.** Removed ice sales revenue and expenses
- ii.** Personnel Expenditures
 - 1.** COLA 5.0% for all staff which cost \$9,057 with burden
 - a.** Overall decrease of \$36,81 based in reduction in head count
 - 2.** Waiting on Workers Comp quotes, placeholder of 10%
 - 3.** Anticipated health insurance increase. Placeholder in budget.
 - 4.** Increased uniform & cell phone stipends from \$1,000 to \$2,000
- iii.** Operational Expenditures – JVG performs 5-year historical analysis and received input from district
 - 1.** Building & Land decrease of \$5,000 for ice sales
 - 2.** Vehicles & Equipment remained the same
 - 3.** Comm and IT – Increase of \$10,808

- a. Dispatch increased \$5,300
 - b. IT Services increased \$5,508
 - 4. Travel and Training – Decreased by \$2,500
 - 5. Managerial – Increased by \$3,000
- iv. Reserve Funding
 - 1. \$22,904 funding reserves
 - 2. Fiscal year 2026 to end with a cash balance of \$329,427 which is \$101,396 increase prior year.
 - 3. In fiscal year 2026, the district did not borrow from the line of credit and with 2027 proposed budget we do not anticipate borrowing in 2027

3. Reports & Correspondence

A. Financial Report

- i. Given By: Fire Chief C. Lecher

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Frank Church

Motion Carried: 4/4

B. Reconciliation Report

- i. Given By: Fire Chief C. Lecher

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Frank Church

Motion Carried: 4/4

4. Reports & Correspondence

A. Chiefs Report

Fire Chief C. Lecher discussed the following topics:

- i. **WWFMD Responses**

- 1. Total Calls For Service – 10
- 2. EMS – 4
- 3. Special Duty – 3
 - a. Lift Assist
- 4. Still Alarm – 0
- 5. First Alarm – 2 (Both Mesa Del)
 - a. Shed Fire – Cancelled
 - b. House Fire – Hauled 16,000 Gallons of Water
- 6. 2026 YTD – 33

- ii. **GENERAL**

- 1. ISO performed a reevaluation of the District on May 20, 2025.
 - a. Nothing new to report. Still Waiting

- iii. **REMODEL PROGRESS**

- 1. Kitchen
 - a. Cabinet doors to be aligned
 - b. Blinds to be installed
- 2. ADA Bathroom
 - a. Transition to be installed
 - b. Minor touch ups
- 3. Community Room

- a. Completed
 - 4. Day Room
 - a. Blinds to be installed
 - iv. **EQUIPMENT UPDATE**
 - 1. BC 7 back in the Valley for warranty work
 - 2. Water Tender 72
 - a. Badging completed
 - b. Equipment being added to put truck in service
 - v. **STAFF UPDATE**
 - 1. Birthday's
 - a. Brandon French
 - b. Crystal Cameron
 - 2. Years of Service Celebration
 - a. 1 Year
 - i. Mike Ciccolini (Temporary Taking Full Time Position)
 - b. 9 Year's
 - i. Crystal Cameron

B. Awards & Recognition

- i. Given By: Chief C. Lecher in Chiefs Report

5. Public Forum

No Public Comment Was Made At This Time

6. Regular Business

A. Consent Agenda

- i. Minutes for March 19, 2026

Motion: Member Frank Church

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/4

7. New Business

A. Resolution 2026 – 001 – Call For Election

- i. Discussion/Possible Action: Board to review Resolution 2026 Call for Election for three board positions up for the November 3, 2026 election.

Motion: Member Frank Church

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/4

B. Tentative Adoption

- i. Discussion/Possible Action: First Look at the 26-27 Fiscal Budget

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Mark Essary

Motion Carried: 4/4

C. Surplus Equipment

i. Discussion/Possible Action : Surplus SQ 71 & UTV 71

1. Possible Trade of SQ 71 for 2021 Polaris RZR Turbo DYNAMIX Edition 4-Seater

a. RZR has 791 Miles & 70 Engine Hours

Motion: Member Janel Croy

Motion Seconded: Member Frank Church

Motion Carried: 4/4

8. Public Forum

No Public Comment Was Made At This Time

9. Adjournment

Motion: Member Frank Church

Motion Seconded: Member Janel Croy

Motion Carried: 4/4

This Meeting Adjourned at: 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Crystal Cameron, Admin/EMT/Firefighter